



## U.S./British warplanes hit Iraqi military sites

By Gerry J. Gilmore, American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (NNS) — American and British warplanes attacked Iraqi military command, control and communication sites outside Baghdad Feb. 16, defense officials said. No allied aircraft were lost.

Land and sea-based planes launched “long-range, precision-guided, stand-off weapons” against five Iraqi radar and command, control and communications nodes, said Department of Defense (DoD) spokesman Rear Adm. Craig Quigley at a Feb. 16 Pentagon news briefing.

U.S. Central Command officials requested the attack and it was approved by President George W. Bush. Twenty-four American and British planes struck the targets located from five to 20 miles from Baghdad. A number of other allied aircraft supported the strike.

Bush, in Mexico in meetings with President Vicente Fox when the strike occurred, said: “Saddam Hussein has got to understand that we expect him to conform to the agreement that he signed after Desert Storm. We will enforce the no-fly zone, both south and north.

“Our intention is to make sure that the world is as peaceful as possible and we’re going to watch very carefully as to whether or not he develops weapons of mass destruction,” said Bush. “And, if we catch him doing so, we’ll take the appropriate action.”

Marine Corps Lt. Gen. Gregory Newbold, director of operations for the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said the purpose of the mission was to “degrade and disrupt” the Iraqi air defense infrastructure. Over the past two months, he added, the Iraqis have become more accurate in radar-targeting American and British planes patrolling the Southern No-Fly Zone.



An F/A-18 Hornet patrols the “No Fly Zone” over southern Iraq in support of Operation Southern Watch.  
U.S. Navy photo

## Navy announces court of inquiry for USS *Greeneville*

By Journalist 1st Class Joseph Gunder, Navy News Service

PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii (NNS) — The Navy announced Feb. 17 it will conduct a court of inquiry to determine why USS *Greeneville* (SSN 772) collided with the Japanese fishing trawler Ehime Maru in the waters south of Diamond Head, Hawaii.

Commander Scott Waddle, the sub’s commanding officer; Lt. Cmdr. Gerald Pfeifer, the sub’s executive officer; and Lt. j.g. Michael Coen, the officer of the deck will all appear Feb. 26 before a board of three admirals and will face questions as to why, despite several periscope sweeps and advanced

sonar, the crew did not detect the 190-foot boat before starting an emergency ballast blow. If the board finds evidence of gross negligence or dereliction of duty, a formal court martial could be ordered by Adm. Thomas B. Fargo, Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet.

The court of inquiry, the Navy’s highest form of administrative investigation, will be chaired by Vice Adm. John B. Nathman, Commander, Naval Air Forces, Pacific Fleet. Other members of the court include Rear Adm.

# USS Abraham Lincoln arrives home

By Journalist 1st Class(SW) David Rush, USS Abraham Lincoln public affairs

EVERETT, Wash. (NNS) — The warriors of USS *Abraham Lincoln* (CVN 72) brought their six-month deployment to an end Feb. 12 as the carrier arrived in its homeport of Everett, Wash.

As most Sailors know, deployments are challenging, requiring total focus on the tasks at hand. For those who experienced the recent deployment to the Persian Gulf aboard the aircraft carrier, this fact certainly held true.

During the initial transit phase, port visits to Hong Kong, Singapore and Thailand were scheduled. Weather diversions, causing the delay of numerous flying days, resulted in the cancellation of stops in Hong Kong and Singapore; National Command Authority tasking to relieve the on-station carrier battle group in the Persian Gulf resulted in the by-passing of Thailand. Nonetheless, the ready and willing warriors remained undaunted, ready to carry out the mission in the Persian Gulf.

"USS *Abraham Lincoln*'s recent participation in the Rim of the Pacific exercise, as well as the operational successes the ship and air wing achieved during the work-up cycle, prepared us well for deployment," said Capt. Doug Dupouy, commanding officer. "When the call came to proceed at best speed to the (Persian) Gulf, our Sailors were ready to go."

Relieving the USS *George Washington* (CVN 73) Battle Group ahead of schedule, USS *Abraham Lincoln* assumed duties as the "tip of the spear" carrier, ready to fight and maintain vigilance over the air space in the no-fly zone over Iraq.

According to Capt. Richard Thayer, commander of Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 14, the men and women serving aboard *Abraham*



**USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) and Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 14 recently concluded their scheduled six-month deployment to the Persian Gulf in support of Operation Southern Watch. Photo by Photographer's Mate 2nd Class Gabriel Wilson**

*Lincoln* are nothing less than first class. "Honor, courage, commitment. All three of these pillars were evident in the performance of our Sailors."

"Their attitude and morale and how well they responded to the conditions that they were placed under was incredible," said Thayer. "Many times we 'went to the well' and asked them to draw out a little bit more. They're just outstanding. They did so with such great honor and dignity. I mean that from the heart, that's how much I admire them."

Meanwhile, Sailors concentrated on providing the services necessary to fly nearly 1,500 sorties over Iraq.

USS *Abraham Lincoln*'s command master chief, CMDMC(SW/AW/SS) William N. Nissen, commented, "Abe's naval warriors performed with more enthusiasm and teamwork than I could have ever imagined. Their upbeat, hard charging and professional attitudes were displayed daily, never failing to put a smile on my face."

Nissen continued, "These

Sailors produced. They produced when the ship's transit schedule changed and ports were cancelled; they produced when the ship was called to enter the (Persian) Gulf early; they produced when word of the terrorist attack on USS *Cole* (DDG 67) was received; they produced when liberty was nowhere in sight; and they produced as diplomats when they were finally rewarded with well-deserved liberty in Australia on the transit home. This crew, these Sailors, deserve my gratitude and respect. I am proud to serve them as their command master chief."

One such Sailor who made the difference early on in the deployment was Boatswain's Mate 3rd Class David Duvall. While standing watch on the fantail one night in early September 2000, an airman fell off the flight deck and into the dark water. Noticing two blinks of a strobe light, Duvall called for man overboard and the Sailor was rescued.

"I pretty much saved his

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David M. Stone, Commander Cruiser/Destroyer Group 5, and Rear Adm. Paul F. Sullivan, director of Plans and Policy at the U.S. Strategic Command. A flag officer from the Japanese Maritime Self Defense Force has been invited as an advisor.

"The seriousness in which I view this tragic accident is reflected in the level of the investigation and the seniority of the court members. They will provide a full and open accounting to both the American and the Japanese people," said Fargo during a Feb. 17 press conference.

USS *Greeneville* is to be moved into a dry dock at Pearl Harbor later this week to begin a series of inspections.

The Japanese government has asked that the wreck of the Ehime Maru be salvaged. Two deep-diving craft are remaining on station; Scorpio II from the submarine support vessel C-Commando and Deep Drone from USS *Salvor* (ARS 52). The vessel was found intact at a depth of 2,000 feet, but the submersibles have been too large to enter the wreck to recover any of the dead believed inside.

The Navy is currently conducting a survey to determine the feasibility of recovering the Ehime Maru. The analysis is expected to take several days.

For the latest information about the USS *Greeneville* incident, go to <http://www.navy.mil>.

# X-35C JSF makes NAS Pax River new home

*By James Darcy, NAS Patuxent River public affairs*

PATUXENT RIVER, Md. (NNS) — Naval Air Station Patuxent River, Md., welcomed aboard the X-35C Joint Strike Fighter (JSF) concept demonstrator Feb. 12 in a ceremony at its new home, Naval Strike Aircraft Test Squadron's Hangar 201. The X-35C, which is Lockheed Martin's JSF carrier variant, will make use of Pax River's test and evaluation facilities for simulated carrier landings and approaches, flying qualities analysis and additional performance testing.

Although the aircraft has performed simulated carrier landings at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., Pax River provides a sea-level test environment with a history of carrier suitability work.

"Thank you for letting me come here and put this aircraft into the hands of the pros," said Lockheed Martin JSF program manager Tom Burbage to the crowd of hundreds at the welcome ceremony.

The X-35C will remain at Pax River for approximately one month. It arrived here on Feb. 10, after a ferry flight from

Edwards with Marine Corps Maj. Art "Turbo" Tomassetti at the controls. Tomassetti is Strike's test pilot for Lockheed Martin's naval variant.

"When I came in on approach over the water Feb. 10, I was glad to see blue under the airplane instead of all the desert brown I've gotten used to," Tomassetti commented.

Lockheed's Navy JSF variant is designed for a maritime existence, with larger wing and control surfaces than their other JSF variants, and the ability to absorb the shock of catapult launches and arrested landings. Lockheed's conventional-takeoff-and-landing (CTOL) variant, the X-35A, targets the needs of the Air Force, while their short-takeoff-vertical-landing (STOVL) X-35B is tailored for the Marine Corps, British Royal Air Force and Royal Navy.

Boeing Aerospace, the other manufacturer competing to win the multi-service, common airframe JSF contract, will bring their X-32B STOVL demonstrator aircraft to Pax River for testing in coming

months. The X-32B will exploit a new hover pit facility designed to meet the STOVL testing requirements of either JSF contractor.

According to Andrew Maack, the Navy's JSF Flight Test Team lead, planning for the arrival of two large test teams and their aircraft has been ongoing for nearly three years. Each contractor had to be afforded an operating environment that protected their privacy, especially given the competitive nature of the JSF concept demonstration phase.

Indeed, the atmosphere at the Feb. 12 ceremony for the X-35C gave the impression of a gracious host welcoming a long-awaited guest. Vice Adm. Joseph Dyer, commander of Naval Air Systems Command, captured the festive spirit of the day when he said, "We think the airplane will have a wonderful time here, and we'll have a wonderful time with it."

More information about Naval Air Systems Command can be found at <http://www.navair.navy.mil>.

## National Image Inc. Meritorious Service Award nominations due to CNP soon

*By Lt. j.g. Kim Brasel, Chief of Naval Personnel public affairs*

WASHINGTON (NNS) — Nominations for the National Image Inc. Meritorious Service Award are now being accepted and are due to the Chief of Naval Personnel Minority Affairs Office by March 19.

The Meritorious Service Award, presented by the National Image Inc., recognizes two military members from each service for their outstanding equal opportunity and civil rights accomplishments within and outside the Hispanic community.

Nominees may be of any race/ethnic group.

NAVADMIN 022/01 details nomination procedures, and is posted on the BUPERS web site <http://www.bupers.navy.mil>.

One officer and one enlisted member from each service is selected, and will attend the National Image Inc. annual training conference May 20-26 at the Bally's Park Place Hotel in Atlantic City, N.J.

Awardees from all the services will be honored at the "Salute to Hispanics in the Military" awards banquet held during the conference, May 24, which is being hosted by the Navy.

Command-funded TAD is authorized and strongly encouraged so that all awardees can attend the conference.

Last year's recipients were Capt. Henry Gonzales Jr., and Information Systems Technician 3rd Class(SW) Maria M. Campos. Gonzales serves as Commander, Navy Recruiting Region West, and Campos is assigned to USS *John C. Stennis* (CVN 74).

For more information see NAVADMIN 022/01 or call Lt. j.g. Sad Carino, Chief of Naval Personnel Minority Affairs Office, at (703) 695-2651/DSN 225 or e-mail to <mailto:p00j1@bupers.navy.mil>.

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"The attack was made in defense and response" to an increased Iraqi threat against American and British aviators, Newbold said. No coalition planes, he added, crossed the 33rd Parallel, the northern border of Operation Southern Watch. An assessment of damage caused by the strike is underway, he added.

Coalition aviators have flown patrols over northern and southern Iraq since the end of the Gulf War to prevent Saddam Hussein from threatening his neighbors, DoD officials noted.



# USNA/ONR host “Naval Forces Under the Sea”

By U.S. Naval Academy public affairs

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (NNS) — The history and future of submarines and Navy diving will be explored March 27-29 during “Naval Forces Under the Sea,” a three-day symposium co-sponsored by the U.S. Naval Academy and the Office of Naval Research. Experts in submarines, Navy diving and underwater technology will address future trends while survivors of the U.S. submarine *Squalus* (which sank during sea trials in 1939) discuss their harrowing experience in vivid detail.

“Naval Forces Under the Sea” offers a unique opportunity to meet the trailblazers in underwater recovery, submarines and Navy diving. Presentations include Navy Search and Rescue, Naval Special Operations, Special Warfare and international efforts in submarine rescue.

Participants include Master Diver, Carl Brashear, the Navy diver depicted in the Hollywood movie “Men of Honor,” who will present awards to local area middle school poster contest winners; and author Peter Maas whose best-selling book, “The Terrible Hours,” provided inspiration to create this first-ever underwater conference. He will discuss findings regarding the 1939 USS *Squalus* (SS 192) rescue of 33 trapped crew.

Also attending will be NASA’s Astro/Aquanaut Scott Carpenter, the only human being to explore both inner and outer space. He not only orbited the Earth three times and assisted in the design of the Apollo lunar

lander, but directed his efforts in the opposite direction by living at the bottom of the ocean floor for 30 days in the research project SeaLab II.

Carpenter will be joined by Retired Captain Don Walsh, who, in the RV *Trieste*, is one of the few people in the world to have stood 37,000 feet below the ocean’s surface in the Marianas Trench.

The man given the title of “Father of U.S. Combat Swimming,” Dr. Christian J. Lambertsen, will be part of a panel on Naval Special Warfare. Lambertsen, a U.S. Army medical officer with the OSS (forerunner of the CIA) developed a “rebreathing apparatus” that could hide the trail of bubbles normally left by divers, so that combat operations could precede without the fear of being discovered.

Retired Rear Adm. Brad Mooney will speak on the loss of the USS *Thresher* (SSN 593). Adm. Mooney piloted the recovery vehicle (RV *Trieste*) that found the wreckage of the *Thresher*. He

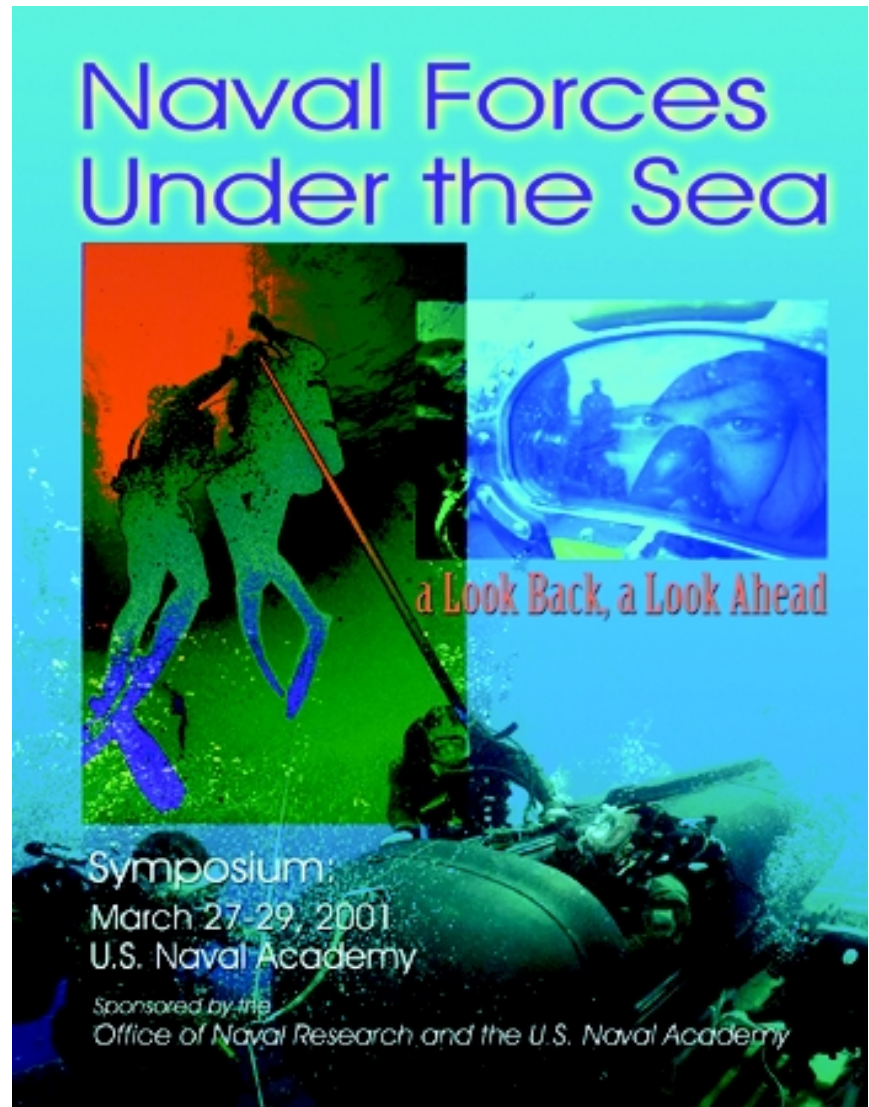
also performed the search and recovery of a hydrogen bomb off the coast of Spain in 1966.

The son and granddaughter of Charles “Swede” Momsen, a noted Navy inventor, will also participate. Momsen invented diving tools, including a decompression chamber and a pressurized diving bell that revolutionized deep-water rescue.

Activities include lectures, classroom demonstrations, Q&A sessions, panel discussions and a chance to see and touch

equipment used in underwater exploration. The Navy’s diving and salvage ship USS *Grasp* (ARS 51) will be open for limited tours. Visitors can view divers below surface through observation windows in a ground level diving tank, view a cable controlled Undersea Recovery Vehicle and see a submarine rescue chamber that has a rated depth of 850 feet.

For more information visit the symposium web site at <http://www.usna.edu/NAOE/symposium>.



# California announces Special Primary Election coming soon

By Navy Personnel Command public affairs

WASHINGTON (NNS) — The State of California has scheduled a Special Primary Election for April 10 in the 32nd Congressional District to identify candidates for the vacant seat resulting from the death of Congressman Julian Dixon. A Special General Election will be held on June 5 to fill this seat.

All members of the Armed Forces, their family members, and overseas citizens who are California residents from the 32nd District should register and request a ballot for the April 10 Special Primary Election and the June 5 Special General Election by completing and submitting a Federal Post Card Application (SF-76) as soon as possible, but no later than March 10. Election officials will begin mailing ballots approximately 29 days prior to the elections. Ballots should be voted and returned as soon as they are received.

The completed FPCA may be returned by fax. These electronically transmitted election materials must be transmitted through (800) 368-8683, (703) 693-5527 or DSN 223-5527. It is imperative that all voters provide a return transmission fax number on all documents sent electronically. Voters are advised to consult Appendix D of the 2000-2001 Voting Assistance Guide when using this method.

The DoD Voting Information Center (VIC) provides recorded messages from candidates, as well as other information concerning elections. Citizens may reach the VIC toll-free from 55 countries using the phone numbers listed on the FVAP web site, <http://www.fvap.ncr.gov>. In the United States, call (800) 438-VOTE (8683), or local (703) 588-1343, or use DSN (military) 425-1343 to hear these messages. The VIC is operational 24 hours a day.

Rotary and overseas callers can access the VIC by voicing their responses with the system's speech recognition feature. Voting Assistance Officers may also contact their Service and State Department Voting Action Officers through the VIC.

Questions which cannot be answered locally may be referred to the Director, Federal Voting Assistance Program, Department of Defense, Washington Headquarters Services, 1155 Defense Pentagon, Washington, D.C., 20301-1155. In the U.S. call (800) 438-VOTE (8683), or local (703) 588-1584, or use DSN (military) at 425-1584. Overseas voters can reach the FVAP toll-free from 55 countries worldwide. The toll-free numbers are listed on the FVAP web site. The FVAP can be reached via e-mail at [mailto:vote@fvap.ncr.gov](mailto:mailto:vote@fvap.ncr.gov) and on the world wide web at <http://www.fvap.ncr.gov>.

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life," Duvall recalled. "That's something I can take back to my family as something good that came out of the deployment. I felt good about myself. If I hadn't really been paying attention, he probably would have been gone."

Following almost 100 days in the Persian Gulf, the carrier headed for some much-needed liberty in Perth, Australia, and Hobart, Tasmania. After taking in the sights "down under," the carrier began its transit across the Pacific.

Dupouy praised the efforts of the ABE/CVW-14 team. "I could not have asked to sail with a finer group of men and women. They faced tough challenges. They attacked these

challenges with a positive attitude, and they performed their mission superbly every step of the way. Now they are ready for some well-deserved rest and relaxation with family and friends."

After several consecutive days of ammunition offload, aircraft launched from the deck prior to the carrier's arrival in San Diego to return to their respective home bases. USS *Abraham Lincoln* took on friends and family as part of "Tiger Cruise 2001" and arrived in Everett following a two and a half day transit.

More information about USS *Abraham Lincoln* can be found at <http://www.lincoln.navy.mil>.

## Navy/Marine Corps News

Look for the following stories and more on next week's Navy/Marine Corps News show:

- Helicopter Support Squadron 75 comes to the aid of an Army helicopter crew during a training exercise;

- Meet one of the pioneering African American members of the Montford Point Marines;

- Sailors in San Diego team up with Habitat for Humanity to help the local community;

- A new Navy weather satellite undergoes pre-launch examination at the Naval Research Laboratory in Washington, D.C.

Compiled on tape #2001-09, the show is on its way to the fleet now.

## In naval history: March 2, 1942

The submarine USS *Perch* (SS 176) was depth-charged and badly damaged by Japanese destroyers while on patrol off Surabaya, Netherlands East Indies. The next day, the sub was caught limping on the surface by a Japanese cruiser/destroyer group, unable to submerge. To keep the sub out of Japanese hands, the crew was forced to scuttle the ship. They were later picked up by the Japanese navy.

Visit the Naval Historical Center web site at <http://www.history.navy.mil> for more information about naval history.



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